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PROBLEMS OF UNITED NATIONS DESCRIBED BY DR. WARREN AT CORPORATION MEETING

DEDICATION — Admiring portrait of the late Dr. Warren F. Cook after unveiling ceremony are Mrs. Katharine C. Cook and her grandchildren, left to right, Brett, Jeffrey, Ethan, Esther, Timothy and Deborah.

PORTRAIT OF DR. COOK DEDICATED

At ceremonies held on Sunday, November 6 in the Baker lobby, more than 100 friends and associates of the late Dr. Warren F. Cook, executive director of the New England Deaconess Hospital for 25 years, met to dedicate a portrait of him painted by Arthur Polonsky.

Dr. Shields Warren, pathologist-in-chief, told of the great progress which was seen at the hospital under Dr. Cook's wise and sympathetic leadership, and of the great esteem and affection in which he was held by all who knew and worked with him.

Dr. Cook was the executive director of the hospital from 1929 to 1954, when he became executive consultant until his death in August, 1958. He was elected a member of the hospital's corporation in 1955 and a trustee in 1956.

After Dr. Warren's talk, three children of Dr. Cook — Warren, Jr., Pamela and Christopher — unveiled the beautiful, life-like portrait. A prayer of dedication was offered by the Rev. Crawford Coombs. Dr. Cook's six grandchildren then laid floral tributes beneath the painting. Participating in the ceremony was Dr. Cook's widow, Mrs. Katharine C. Cook.

Dr. Shields Warren, director in chief of pathology and director of CRI, said at the annual meeting of the corporation on Nov. 15 that one of the quandaries our next Secretary of State must resolve is "whether to rely on the United Nations or on those aligned in our mutual security pacts such as NATO and SEATO".

Addressing the meeting in Joslin Auditorium, Dr. Warren claimed "the balance of power today in the United Nations lies with new countries and there is serious question as to whether the organizational pattern of the United Nations of 1946 is applicable to the United Nations of 1960."

Dr. Warren is a consultant to the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission and U.S. representative to the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation.

"If the United Nations is to survive, either the qualification for membership or the functions of the General Assem-

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CHRISTMAS BAZAAR WILL BE HELD DEC. 9

The Friends of the Deaconess and Deaconess nurses will hold the annual Christmas Bazaar on Friday, December 9, beginning at 10 a.m. in the Central Lobby.

Repeating the tradition of previous years, extraordinary bargains — in both price and variety — will be available to all who attend. The Gift and Thrift Shops will also be open with special bargains for the day.

Articles donated for the sale may be left in the Volunteer office on Baker 1. Friday, Dec. 9, in Central Lobby . . . your chance to buy Christmas gifts and decorations.

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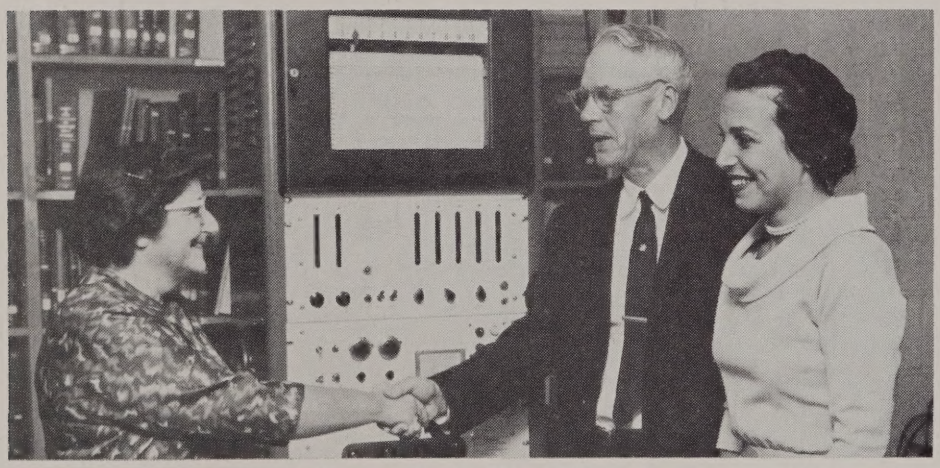
CHRISTMAS CALENDAR

The Deaconess Hospital will be host to employees for the annual Christmas party to be held in the Cafeteria on Wednesday, Dec. 21, from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. All are urged to attend to enjoy the food, entertainment and candy.

A program of religious music and favorite Christmas carols will be presented on Wednesday evening, December 7, in the Joslin Auditorium at the annual concert by the Nursing School Glee Club. John Markarian, Jr., will direct the singers.

The Deaconess will again say "Merry Christmas" by serving a turkey dinner free to employees.



GIFT TO CRI — Dr. Shields Warren thanks Mrs. William Aronson, left, vice-president of Aid for Cancer Research, for $4,000 donation to help purchase gamma ray spectrometer in background. Looking on is Mrs. Ralph Weiss, chairman.

CRI GETS $4,000 GIFT

A donation of $4,000 was presented to Dr. Shields Warren for the Cancer Research Institute on November 15 by Aid for Cancer Research.

The check was presented by Mrs. William Aronson, vice-president, who represented Mrs. Herbert Shivek, president, at the ceremonies.

The funds will be used toward the purchase of a gamma-ray spectrometer machine which is able to measure minute amounts of isotopic material. Satisfactory data can thus be obtained from blood samples drawn from humans after administration of smaller amounts of isotopic materials than could be used heretofore.

Friends Bundle Tea Benefits Thrift Shop

A bundle tea was held on October 26th for the benefit of the Deaconess Hospital Thrift Shop, a project of the Friends of the Deaconess, at the beautiful and unusual Brookline home of Mrs. Richard Paige.

Co-hostess with Mrs. Paige was Mrs. Sheldon Wardwell. The 200 invited guests were treated to a tour of Mrs. Paige's house, after which tea was served in the dining room and glass-enclosed patio which surrounds an azure blue swimming pool. Plants and flowers of many varieties line the patio, in which heliotrope trees and vines grow in profusion.

The bundles which each guest brought to be sold at the Thrift Shop filled a jeep and several cars from floor to roof.

Last year, the shop netted more than $5,000 for the hospital. Managed by Mrs. Magnus Smedal and Mrs. Lewis Hurxthal, the shop is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from October 1 to June 1.

CREDIT UNION ANNOUNCES PLAN FOR AUTO LOANS

1000th MEMBER—Margaret Hart of Housekeeping is congratulated by Clifford Fisher, president of Alpha Credit Union.

The Alpha Credit Union has established a policy of financing automobile loans for members.

W. Clifford Fisher, president, announced approval of new loan policies by the board of directors at the annual meeting of the hospital's credit union in the cafeteria on November 16.

He said a membership drive is now underway and expressed the hope of greater financial return to shareholders in the near future as the result of increased membership.

Margaret Hart of the Housekeeping Department was honored as the 1000th member to join Alpha. The milestone in the union's rapid growth was scored one week before the meeting.

After the report of the nominating committee, election of new directors was held. Mrs. Rose H. Brooks, Mrs. Beryl B. Paine and Elizabeth Sampson were elected to fill vacancies for a term ending in 1961. Named to fill unexpired terms ending in 1962 were Esther-Mary Farrington and Lois Preston.

Elected to the board with terms expiring in 1963 were Dean Annis, John Johnston, Richard Lee, Edythe Phelps and Muriel Sawyer.

Annual Meeting

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bly must be radically changed. Our world is too evenly balanced between the powers of the Soviet Union and the United States to do without the U.N. or a similar organization. Therefore, we must strive to make the U.N. as effective as possible," he said.

Shortened periods of hospitalization and new procedures of medical science are compensating for the rise in hospital costs, Francis W. Capper, the newly re-elected president of the hospital said at the meeting. Mr. Capper, vice-president of the Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Co. asserted that "no progressive hospital should lack the factual evidence to prove that the greatest bargain today is the purchase of health, alleviated suffering and extended life."

Mr. Capper explained, "Inevitably we try to explain rising hospital costs by showing the cost increases of salaries, food and miscellaneous supplies which parallel national inflation. This certainly is a starting point, but it is nothing more than that.

"The real answer lies not in what the hospital must spend to serve its patients, but in what it gives; not in what the patient pays, but in what he receives.

"What have the modern hospital and modern medicine given to the American public? Startling figures from the insurance companies reveal that a male child born today has a life expectancy more than five years longer than a child born 20 years ago. A female child is endowed with seven years of added life.

"How much more lifetime income and happiness this represents!"

Executive Director R. D. Lowry disclosed that levels of occupancy have been predictable in the past, but now the patterns have changed and it is far more difficult to predict our census in advance.

"With each passing month," he said, "our medical staff admits fewer routine patients, and more and more of the difficult diagnostic and medical cases and the more complicated surgical procedures."

The meeting concluded with Dr. Richard Cattell's report of the Medical Staff.

Mr. Capper was re-elected president for a fifth term. Elected vice-president was Laurens MacLure of the Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Co.

Others re-elected were Howard D. Brewer, vice-president; Henry S. Rogerson, treasurer; and Vincent P. Clarke, clerk.

CORPORATION OFFICERS — Left to right, Laurens MacLure, vice-president and assistant treasurer; Francis W. Capper, president, and Henry S. Rogerson, treasurer.

New members of the corporation are Methodist Bishop James K. Mathews, Ralph Bradley, John Manter, and Edward Emerson.

Newly elected to the Board of Trustees were H. W. Dwight Rudd, Humphrey H. Swift and Eben H. Ellison, Jr.

HERE . . . AND THERE

Yvonne Cavanough and Peggy Marshall, both from the Royal Women's Hospital in Sydney, Australia, have joined our Medical Record Staff until the end of January. In the United States for six months on a "work Holiday", they are at present learning American medical record procedures.

Ruth Pendleton attended a meeting of the Association of Operating Room Nurses National Committee on Education in Washington, D. C. on November 11 and 12.

A meeting of the Massachusetts Association of Operating Room Nurses was held in the Joslin Auditorium on November 22. William Reagan spoke on "The Law and the Surgical Nurse".

Mrs. Beulah Benson and Rita Greto were hostesses at a Halloween Coffee Hour for Operating and Recovery Room personnel on October 31.

C.R.I. is proud of a plaque presented to its personnel by the Atomic Energy Commission. It reads: "Commendation to the New England Deaconess Hospital — effective accident prevention in the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission program having operated 217,740 man-hours during the period July 1, 1957 to December 31, 1959 without disabling an employee".

Engagements

Linda McKearney, class of 1961, to John Kent Jewell of Brooks, Maine.

Sandra Longley, staff nurse, to Douglas A. Ollivier of Canton.

Revella Groome, class of 1959, to Henri Raubenheimer of Newton.

Suzanne Lekberg, staff nurse, to Carl Lee of Squantum.

Judith Swanson, class of 1960, to Robert W. Buskey of Ashburnham.

Barbara Churchill, Admitting Office, to Latimer B. Eddy of Wellesley.

Janet Best, class of 1960, to Loring W. Hammond of Hanson, Mass.

Weddings

Augusta Fishel, class of 1960, to Duncan Moodie, Jr.

Gail Crandall, class of 1959, to Donald Howard MacDonald, Jr.

Barbara Wilinsky, Social Worker, to Frank Gopen.

Carol Ann Geissler, class of 1960, to Duncan Oliver.

Donna Condon, staff nurse, to Walter Crane.

Elva Butland, class of 1959, to Charles Hutchinson.

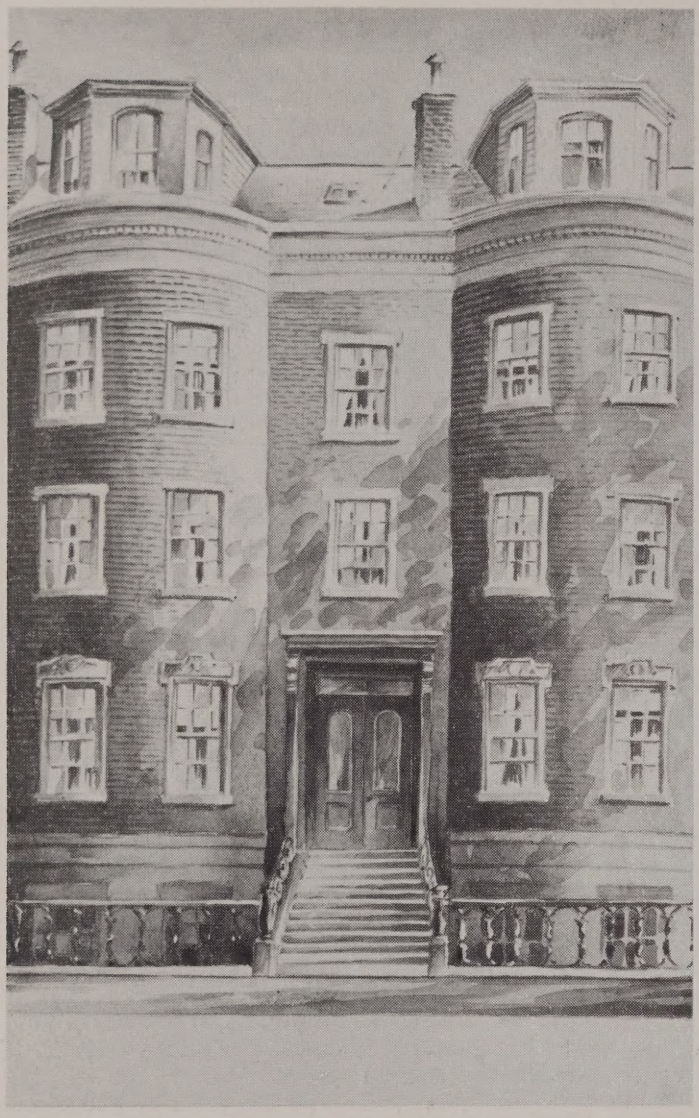
Irene Darling, formerly in Pharmacy Dept., to Evan L. Tinkham.

Susan Malm, formerly of Chemistry Lab, to Alfred J. Keith, Jr.

Elizabeth Sprague, staff nurse, to Robert M. Seymour.

Barbara E. Johnson, class of 1955, to Frederick M. Robbins.

EARLY HISTORY



NEW ENGLAND DEACONESS HOSPITAL — 1896

New England Deaconess Hospital had its humble beginnings on a rainy February day in 1896 when more than 100 persons gathered for the dedication of the five-story, 14-bed hospital at 691 Massachusetts Ave., Boston.

Established as "a refuge and Christian home for the sick and suffering," the modest structure was the culmination of plans started in 1894 by Deaconesses and ministers of the Methodist Church. The ceremonies of February 6th dedicated a hospital "where science and Christian kindliness should unite in combating disease."

Miss Mary E. Lunn, a Methodist Deaconess, was the first superintendent and Abbie L. Punchard, a graduate of the School of Nursing of the Salem Hospital, was employed as the first head nurse.

Whatever may have been lacking in equipment was minimized by the spirit of willingness to serve which characterized those early nurses. For several months there was no telephone. Dr. Edward Reynolds, who lived a few blocks away, gave the use of his until the hospital had one of its own. Money was scarce and food not over-abundant.

There was no elevator. Patients were carried up and down stairs by the doctors and nurses, assisted occasionally by a friendly expressman. Upon signal, the one clinical thermometer was sent from floor to floor in a basket hung on a string.

There was a back room in the small hospital containing the head nurse's desk, general supplies and an organ. The organ was used for morning and evening hymn singing by the nurses.

In those early days there was no organized medical staff, but only physicians of recognized standing were permitted to send in patients. When occasion arose, the hospital secured the services of such a doctor for patients desiring to be admitted.

During the two years following its opening the New England Deaconess Hospital cared for 342 patients.

Such was the quality of care that soon Boston's finest doctors brought their patients to the Deaconess. Despite limitations like open gaslight in the operating room, some of the most advanced surgery of the era was performed.

During the first year patients had come from as far south as Florida, and from Nova Scotia to the north, because here they found a combination of fine medicine, spotless housekeeping, and nursing care as given to loved ones at home. As its reputation grew, the hospital was continuously filled and the number of waiting sick tugged at the heart-strings of the staff.

In April, 1898, at the end of the hospital's second year, the Boston Transcript printed this testimony: "Of all the charities with which Boston is endowed, none is more pre-eminently beautiful and beneficient than the work of the New England Deaconess Hospital on Massachusetts Avenue.

"Founded but two years since to supplement the labors of the Deaconesses among the poor and the sick, it has rapidly grown, not only beyond the expectations of its founders, but beyond the present capacity of its buildings.

"It is unsectarian in its broadest sense, and numbers among its patients members of every religious faith, yet the dominant note is that of a Christian home".

Boston's great surgeon, Maurice H. Richardson, was one of the hospital's first doctors and staunchest friends. As human as he was skilled, Dr. Richardson never forgot the small touches which added warmth to hospital life. Sometimes he played hymns and songs on the hospital piano. Often he brought fish for the nurses.

Miss Lunn, a woman of vision, early realized that the first little hospital was but the embryo of a great institution. In 1900 she was criticized when she recommended its present site on the Riverway bordering Boston and Brookline.

"You can't expect doctors to go to the woods to treat their patients," people said.

The superintendent, convinced that her choice was the best available location for a growing hospital, was insistent Although illness the next year compelled her resignation, Deaconess and friends travelled throughout New England raising funds.

The cornerstone of the new building at what are now Pilgrim and Deaconess roads was laid on Nov. 5, 1903. The new 50-bed hospital was dedicated and opened on April 8, 1907.